(b) and (c) Do not arise.

CBI Raids Balco Officials Premises

708. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of MINES AND MINERALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that C.B.I, had raided the premises of the higher officers of the Bharat Aluminium Company including the Chairman during the last year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what arc the details of incriminating documents and dispro portionate assets recovered as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND MINERALS (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the searches conducted, some documents have been seized by CBI.

(c) Various documents seized during the searches are under scrutiny by CBI.

Power Generation from Residuum of Sugarcanes

† 709. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power can be generated in the country from the residuum of sugarcanes after the process of crushing thereof in sugar-mills;

(b) whether Government have made any assessment of power generation capacity by the above process; and

(c) if so, the production capacity in the financial year 1998-99 alongwith the assessment of average cost of power generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The total potential of surplus power generation through bagasse based co-generation in sugar mills in the country has been estimated at 3500 MW.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.